

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 21, 2007

PLACE: West Lafayette Board of Works Room

PRESENT:	Evan Apotheker	Bernadette Farris
	Dave Buck	Gil Satterly
	David Christian	Kumares Sinha
	John Cox	Boudewijn van Gelder
	David Downey	John Walker
	Carrie Ehresman	

VISITORS:	Wendy Field	Karen O'Farrell
	Jeromy Grenard	Luke Short
	Ann Hunt	Natalie Villwock
	Brenda Lorenz	

Chairman Sinha determined there was quorum and called the meeting to order. Deputy Chief Walker made a motion to approve the February minutes as written, Mrs. Farris seconded and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

07-06 Allen Street Loading Zone

Mr. Luke Short brought to the commission a request to review the necessity of the loading zone in front of Snowbear Frozen Custard. Mr. Short also requested the commission consider adding a portion of the parking along Allen Street, between Stadium and Evergreen, into the NPP Zone 2 parking program. Mr. Short owns the property at 608 Allen Street, and because of the short driveway and restrictive on-street parking, he has no where to park his vehicles.

Mr. Short stated that the delivery needs of the Follett's/Snowbear businesses have changed over the years, and the on-street loading zone is no longer needed. There is a loading dock along the back of the property and a parking lot along the east side of the building. Mr. Charlie Short, the son of the property owner, stated that the uses of the single family residence and the business have both changed, and requested that the commission review their request based on this change of use. The residence now has a couple living in it, and the commercial property along Allen (Snowbear) is vacant.

Mr. Buck stated that a loading zone in such a congested area is very convenient and may be used by other businesses in the area. Deputy Chief Walker expressed a concern that additional parking on Allen may affect the turning radius needed to get into the loading dock behind the Follett's/Snowbear building. The commission agreed that the Engineer's Office will contact the businesses within in a two block radius of the loading zone, and invite them to the April Traffic Commission meeting.

With regard to the request to add a portion of Allen into the NPP Zone 2 parking program, Mr. Buck stated his office will look into this possibility. There are currently several parking uses along this block of Allen; section of one-hour parking, a loading zone, and a section of 30 minute parking. Currently, all NPP zoned

parking is located in areas where 2-hour parking is in place. If this section of Allen were to be considered for Zone 2, the commission would need to address changing the 1-hour section of Allen to 2-hour, or changing the ordinance to allow zoned parking in a 1-hour parking area.

07-07 Salisbury Street Sewer Improvement Project

Mr. Jeromy Grenard, Assistant City Engineer, brought to the commission a sewer project which will require an extensive traffic maintenance plan. Construction will begin May 14th or 15th and is scheduled to be complete on August 10th. The project will require that two blocks of Salisbury Street (Columbia and South) will be closed for portions of the project. To leave half of the road open would significantly lengthen the project time. The expected detour is from Columbia to River Road and up State Street. Mr. Buck commented that it will be critical that Chauncey and Columbia are left open to thru traffic. Mrs. Ehresman asked if the city had looked at the possibility of making Littleton a two-way street during the construction period.

Letters have been sent to all affected property owners notifying them of the project and an opportunity to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 26th. Mr. Downey suggested that businesses on South Street, closer to Northwestern also be contacted as they will be losing traffic from South. Mr. Grenard will keep the commission informed as the project nears its start date.

07-08 Visibility at Chauncey and Williams

Commission member Evan Apotheker brought to the commission a request to take a look at the sight distances at the intersection of Chauncey and Williams.

OLD BUSINESS:

07-01 Neighborhood Parking Request – Littleton Street

Mr. Buck brought to the commission a letter from a citizen wishing to recant their signature from the petition. The item was tabled until the City Attorney can hear the item.

07-05 Parking in Hills & Dales

Deputy Chief Walker changed the rotation of parking control, and ticketed several violators. Mr. van Gelder received an e-mail from a constituent who “appreciated the increased enforcement”. Natalie Villwock, the Engineering intern who looked at the yellow curbing at Bexely and Chelsea stated that the yellow in this area was extensive and felt that enforcement was more of an issue at these locations. Chairman Sinha concurred that no additional yellow curbing is necessary, additional enforcement has been effective.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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